

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 8th, 2013
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde and Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz was not present.
Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 16th, 2013 REGULAR MEETING
Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Cynthia Hyde and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Dana Beth Evans was present an event registration on behalf of the Tivoli for a "Haunted Hayride" to be held on October 25th. The hayrides will begin at 8 p.m., departing every 15 minutes with the last one departing at 10:30 p.m. The rides begin at the Tivoli, travel west down Franklin to High, south on High to Jefferson, east on Jefferson to West St, south on West to Cooper, east on Cooper to Harrison, north on Harrison to Franklin, then west back to the Tivoli.

Dean Bruce moved to approve the event request, and the motion passed 2-0.

John Fuhs, presented a petition for a re-plat application for lots 6, 7, and 8 in Thornridge. Two parties were requesting that they split lot 7 between the two parties. The request was approved by the Spencer Plan Commission previously. Mr. Fuhs requested approval by the Town Council.

Dean Bruce moved for approval of the re-plat application, it was seconded and passed, 2-0.

John Loveland spoke next about the possibility of bringing sewer lines to properties owned by him and others out on Highway 43 during the sewer extension project. He was updated on where the project stood now, and what he could do, to find out more about his options for hooking on.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marshal Richard Foutch reported on the Police Dept. He stated that Officer Chuck Jacobs would like to rejoin the reserves.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept Chief Foutch's recommendation to add Chuck Jacobs back to the roster, seconded by Cynthia, and passed 2-0.

Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the back parking lot.

Dean Bruce made a motion to schedule Halloween for Thursday, October 31st, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Motion passed.

Chief Foutch requested that they be able to close the street along West between the alley and Morgan Street for their annual weenie roast.

Officer Foutch also provided the Board with a disc on the abandoned or neglected properties around town. Richard Lorenz will review, and advise as to what the Town can do to clean these up.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported he would be removing a maple tree on Garden Drive, which has already partially fallen and done damage to a fence. He also reported on maintenance to several pieces of equipment.

Larry also reported that leaf collection will start on October 21st.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

There was nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer reported a change in the payroll cutoff dates from Wednesdays, to the Friday previous to payday. This would allow more time to prepare payroll, especially when holidays occur. This cutoff will affect hourly employees only, and the shortfall for the pay period can be supplemented by using benefit time. Employees will be allowed to use whatever benefit time they have available, and if an employee does not have enough time to supplement the shortfall, they will be allowed to go “negative”, and make up the balance in the future.

Dean Bruce moved to accept the proposal to allow the hourly employees use of additional benefit time in order to adjust the payroll cutoff times. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested a waiver from the personnel policy of waiting 90 days for a new employee to be eligible for insurance.

Dean Bruce made a motion to waive the 90 day probationary period for Anna Hartman so that she would be able to pick up insurance within 30 days of her hire date.

The Clerk-Treasurer will get together with the Attorney to make some changes to the personnel policy to reflect these changes and any changes that may be necessary due to recent legislation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz was not present.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde requested that the Clerk-Treasurer provide additional information comparing actual payroll to budgeted payroll in order to make sure the appropriations and Salary Ordinance are correct.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde suggested that a date be set for a work session be set as soon as possible. Since Jon Stantz was not present, they agreed to do that at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer